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SUBJECT: PRISONER EXCHANGE

1. WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH DISCUSSIONS OF LUNT-THOMPSON EXCHANGE. ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE COMMUNICATE MESSAGE GIVEN PARA 2 TO EAST GERMANS (VIA MEEHAN-VOGEL CHANNEL).

2. QUOTE. THOMPSON WILL BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE THIS MAY. THE FINAL DECISION WHETHER TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR PAROLE FOR THOMPSON AT THAT TIME WOULD REST WITH AN INDEPENDENT PAROLE BOARD. ACCORDINGLY, WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN WHETHER OR WHEN THOMPSON MIGHT BE PAROLED. IF HE WERE TO BE PAROLED, IT WOULD BE HIGHLY IRREGULAR FOR HIM TO BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, IF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO PAROLE MR. LUNT AND ALLOW HIM TO LEAVE CUBA, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL RECOMMEND TO THE PAROLE BOARD THAT IT APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR PAROLE FOR THOMPSON ONCE HE BECOMES
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ELIGIBLE. FURTHERMORE, IF THOMPSON'S PAROLE APPLICATION

IS GRANTED BY THE PAROLE BOARD, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THOMPSON BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO THE GDR, ASSUMING THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WOULD SIMILARLY ALLOW MR. LUNT TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES.
END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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